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**Sent:** 10/13/2021 4:51:27 PM  
**To:** Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: at 11:30 am this morning - prep call - FW: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow

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Can you please forward Yaorong the invite for BEAD staff meeting? I can't do it from my phone  
Thuy

On Oct 13, 2021, at 12:18 PM, Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov> wrote:

We're covered, Thuy. Trying not to bother you. How's it going up there?

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**From:** Nguyen, Thuy <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 11:31 AM  
**To:** Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: at 11:30 am this morning - prep call - FW: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow

Hi Shamus  
I am available for the 11:30am call, if it's on  
Let me know

Thanks  
Thuy

On Oct 13, 2021, at 10:34 AM, Nguyen, Thuy <[Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov](mailto:Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I can be there if you want me too

Thanks  
Thuy

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**From:** "Ozmen, Shamus" <[Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov](mailto:Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** October 13, 2021 at 10:16:47 AM EDT  
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**Subject:** at 11:30 am this morning - prep call - FW: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow

Hi Kimberly – Following up to my other two emails. Can you quickly join a 15 min prep call with Ed this morning at 11:30? I know you are booked but Ann and I think this is the only time that mostly works for you and Ed.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** RE: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow

That works.

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**From:** McKamey, Ann <McKamey.Ann@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** FW: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow  
**Importance:** High

Hi Shamus. We can try to do the prep at 11:30 am today (for 15 minutes), and 4 pm tomorrow, for the actual interview. I'm still trying to contact Ed.

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**From:** Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>  
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**Cc:** Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow  
**Importance:** High

Hi Ed and Kimberly,

Apologies for the very short notice, this has taken some time to work this through with the press office. We have another, more urgent request for an interview on PFAS in pesticide packaging, this time with the Bay Journal which originally covered the issue back last winter/fall.

OPA would like to set up a time for a 15 min prep with Tim Carroll and Nick Conger, the agency's spokespersons, today/tomorrow and then 30 minutes for the actual interview on background to occur tomorrow. OPA is going to ask again for questions in writing or for information about what he wants to talk about but we aren't sure we will get much. OPA already relayed all our results and information are online.

Ann- Can you help to ID times that will work for:

- 1) 15 min prep (today/tomorrow AM)
- 2) 30 min interview for tomorrow

Thank you,

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**From:** Tim Wheeler  
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**Date:** October 1, 2021 at 4:32:40 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Pesticide Program  
**Update:** Updates on EPA Efforts to  
Address PFAS in Pesticide Packaging

Hi, Shamus Ozmen -

Jason Schellhardt at the Maryland Department of Agriculture forwarded me the update from EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention concluding that after further testing it found no PFAS in samples of two pesticides provided by the MDA. I wrote about this issue earlier this year, so would like to update the story. I still have some questions, though. Jason suggested you might be able to answer them. Do you have some time to talk, say early next week?

Thanks,

Tim Wheeler

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Subject: Re: FW: Pesticide Program Update: Updates on EPA Efforts to Address PFAS in Pesticide Packaging  
To: Tim Wheeler  
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That is a good question, I would defer to the EPA for any questions regarding the disparity in testing/results. Shamus Ozmen would be your best contact there:  
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On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 4:40 PM Tim Wheeler  
<[twheeler@bayjournal.com](mailto:twheeler@bayjournal.com)> wrote:

Thanks for the update, Jason. I'm wondering how or why PEER found PFAS in its sample? Could the manufacturers already have switched by the time MDA got involved to containers that don't leach PFAS?

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On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 4:29 PM Jason D. Schellhardt -MDA-  
<[jason.schellhardt@maryland.gov](mailto:jason.schellhardt@maryland.gov)> wrote:

ICYMI - The U.S. EPA today announced conclusive test results showing no detection of PFAS in samples of Permanone 30-30 and

PermaSease 30-30. This testing included samples taken from MDA's inventory of both products, as well as samples taken directly from the manufacturer at various stages of production. I have attached a PDF copy of the EPA report for your reference.

Thanks,

Jason Schellhardt

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**From:** U.S. EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention  
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## Updates on EPA Efforts to Address PFAS in Pesticide Packaging

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to work to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment. Today, EPA is releasing an internally validated method for the detection of PFAS in oily matrices, such as pesticide products formulated in distillates, or mineral oils. The oily matrix method is modified from EPA's method 816, which is a method that is mainly used for drinking water and was previously used to detect PFAS in fluorinated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) containers.

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The new method is intended to help pesticide manufacturers, state and local governments, and other interested stakeholders test oily matrix products for PFAS and uncover any possible contamination. In a shared interest to remove PFAS from the environment, if companies find PFAS in their product, EPA is requesting that they engage in good product stewardship and notify the Agency.

Through close collaboration with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, EPA used this oily matrix method to analyze three stored samples of mosquito coils (Permanone 30-30 and PermaSease 30-30) and obtained results that were below the detection limit from the product line from the pesticide manufacturer. After thorough testing of the samples and conducting an in-depth quality assurance and quality control, the Agency determined that none of the tested samples contained PFAS above the Agency's method limit of detection. To date, the only PFAS contamination found in control pesticide products that the Agency has identified originated from the use of HDPE containers used to store and transport a different mosquito coil product (Anvil 10-10).

While it continues its investigation, the Agency will use all available data and regulatory tools to determine the scope of this emerging issue and its potential impact on human health and the environment. EPA continues to test additional pesticide containers to determine whether they contain and/or leach PFAS and will be presenting those results when the studies are complete. The Agency is also working with other federal agencies and trade organizations to raise awareness about PFAS in the issue and discuss expectations of product stewardship. EPA also is working with the pesticide industry to explore alternative packaging options, like steel or non-fluorinated HDPE.

As more information becomes available, EPA will continue to work with state and other federal entities to provide guidance to states and localities that may be impacted by PFAS in pesticide containers.

To access the oily matrix method report and to learn more, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pfas-packaging>.

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